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CLUB NOTES

TODAY is an exciting occasion through Middlesbrough renewing their long association with Deepdale as one of the leading challengers for promotion. They started on the arduous trail with a 2-1 win at Ayresome Park in the season's opening match.

Winning three of the next four games by maintaining the fine form shown in the concluding stages of the previous season, they enjoyed the further encouragement of increased support. Crowds at home matches rose rapidly from 19,000 to 25,500.

How fickle are the public! Middlesbrough ran into one of those bad patches which must be expected in a competition as keen as Division Two, and the "gate" for Birmingham's visit in mid-September was down to 17,398. Borough won. A fortnight later there was a 28,636 crowd for the needle match with Derby County. This tussle ended without a goal.

Middlesbrough kept optimism high with three successive wins, and pursued their course so strongly that occasional rebuffs were short lasting. They come to Deepdale intent on extending a sequence of five games without defeat since losing 0-3 at Bristol. This setback came within a few days of their exit from the Cup in a replay at Millwall.

All through, Borough have been invincible at home where only Huddersfield, Derby, Bolton and Millwall have escaped defeat. Opponents have scored only seven goals at Ayresome Park in 15 games.

On their travels, Middlesbrough have won at Norwich, Bury, Sheffield, Oxford and Fulham, drawn at Blackpool and Bolton, and lost at Portsmouth, Hull, Cardiff, Huddersfield, Millwall, Aston, Derby and Bristol. Their League record for this season is:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Home	15	11	4	0	28	7	26
Away	15	5	2	8	18	26	12
Total	**30**	**16**	**6**	**8**	**46**	**33**	**38**

The 46 goals credited to Middlesbrough are shared by 14 players: Hickton, 13; Downing, 8; Horsfield (now with Newcastle), 7; newcomer Stanley Webb, 4 in six games, including a last minute winner against Blackpool on Saturday; McMordie, 3; Crossan, Gates, Rooks, 2 each; Lugg, Chadwick, Kear, Kinnel and an opponent, one each.

Middlesbrough recently have had a largely settled and confident side, although 23 players have been called upon. The most appearances have been made by Rooks, 30; Whigham and Jones, 29; McMordie, 27; Spraggon, 26; Downing, 25; Hickton and Horsfield, 23; A. Smith, 21; Gates and Lugg, 14; Kear and Crossan, 13.

The side was strengthened in January by the costly signing of experienced George Smith, the wing half Portsmouth signed from Barrow. His transfer had been sought by several clubs, but he preferred to return to his native North-East. No one was more pleased than Borough manager Stan. Anderson.

Meanwhile, North End have set the ball rolling again with a hard earned win against Oxford and fulfilled the postponed Fulham fixture. The one at Bolton has been fixed for Wednesday, 16th April.

Millwall visit Deepdale on Monday night and Sheffield United will be here on Monday, 17th March.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

IT WAS PLEASING to be back on the ball again after all the bad weather and the frustration of having three matches postponed during what had seemed to be an even longer lay-off than 18 days.

In fact, until the teams turned out at Deepdale on Saturday, when Oxford United were our visitors for the first time, the fans had not seen our senior side since we played Chelsea in the F.A. Cup on 25th January.

Up to lunchtime on Friday there was a shade of doubt about whether the match would be on. Then a good thaw set in and the snow disappeared in quick time. The players were as glad as I was to see it go and thankful there was no more frost.

It is a tiresome business having match after match put off and waiting for something to happen. They chafe at inactivity in a playing sense. There had been plenty to do by way of keeping the players fit and attending to injuries, but there is no substitute for an actual League game.

A practice game helps, but the atmosphere is so different. Frankly, I was a little bit concerned, for this and other reasons, about the outcome of the Oxford game. Our opponents were in dire need of points and came in a more confident mood through having got away from the bottom place in the table by their decisive 3-0 home win against Huddersfield the previous Saturday.

Their shock early goal was a blow through being just the spur they wanted. Naturally they did their utmost to cling to it. We found it hard going fighting back and the heavy rain which made the soft pitch muddy did not help. Frankly we did not play well. It made a difference playing in such conditions which were a complete change from training and playing on a hard surface with the ball moving about freely. The one good thing was that our team never stopped trying.

This, I think, was appreciated by the crowd whose encouragement was responded to by renewed efforts and more effective football by North End in the last 20 minutes. A very good goal from a sharp angle by Frank Lee provided the incentive to go all out for a win. Perseverance finally paid off when Gerry Ingram, with Lee's help, scored the decider three minutes from time.

The only real satisfaction, from our point of view, was in the result. It increased North End's points total to an average of one per game and removed any anxiety that may have been felt about the club's position in the table. The immediate aim is the improve upon that position.

I can well understand how Oxford felt about having precious points snatched from them after holding on to their lead for so long. I felt pretty much the same after our game at Oxford in December, when the result went the other way, also by 2-1 and we were unlucky to lose.

Our casualty situation has improved during the last two or three weeks, I am glad to say. You get a run of such misfortunes, and we have had more than our share. Two players deserving of sympathy are Jim Smith, who has had a nagging injury for a long time, and Dave Wilson.

Dave, who has had an unlucky season after a bright start, has worked hard mornings and afternoons to get himself 100 per cent fit again. Then he had the bad luck this week to get an ankle twisted while in training at Willow Farm. Let us hope that both players recover soon.

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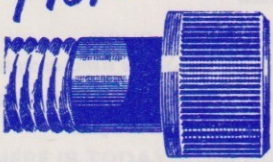

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OUR VISITORS

POPULAR Middlesbrough are always welcome at Deepdale. They have played here many times since their first visit, for a Second Division game, in March, 1902. This was Borough's third season in The League and our first in that Division. They had previously beaten us at the old Linthorpe Road ground and went on to gain promotion with West Bromwich Albion, North End finishing third.

Two years later Borough beat us 3-0 in the F.A. Cup—one of their periodic shock wins at Deepdale. Another was by the same score in this tournament in January, 1927, a great season for Middlesbrough and the one in which that superb centre forward, the late George Camsell, easily beat The League individual scoring record with 59 of 122 goals. In that Cup-tie he did the hat-trick.

This is how the young lionheart signed from Durham City the previous season fared as a goal-scorer in his 21 preceding matches—0, 2, 1, 1, 3, 0, 1, 1, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 4, 5, 2, 3, 1, 0, 1 (total 38), and how he continued 3, 2, 3, 1, 0 (he missed a penalty!), 2, 2, 0, 0, 3, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 3, 1. Grand total 63 in 40 League and Cup appearances. Outside right Billy Pease scored 23 and inside right Billy Birrell 16.

The all-conquering combination which made 1926-27 Middlesbrough's most memorable season had in attack W. Pease, W. Birrell, G. Camsell, J. Carr and O. Williams, who scored seven goals three times, six twice, and went "nap" in five other games. There were no moans about a goal famine in those days!

Middlesbrough went up with 62 points, a club record, yet only four seasons earlier had been relegated with their lowest points total of 22. Their unusual experience after 18 consecutive First Division seasons was to be relegated twice within five years, and go up, down and back again in three history-making seasons. Never has there been as desperate a relegation struggle as that of 1927-28.

Arsenal, tenth from the top, had only three more points than relegated Tottenham. They went down with 38 points. Middlesbrough accompanied them with the most points credited to the bottom club to date—37. Still smarting, they steam-rollered their way back in one go, scoring 92 goals.

Ayresome Park was First Division territory for 37 of their 59 League seasons (all within 41 peacetime years). That status looks like being regained, but from 1954, when relegated with Liverpool, Borough had their share of adversity. In Division Two for 12 years, they then slid into Division Three with 33 points. Making a wonderful recovery from a shocking start they got back in one season with a grandstand finish. They faltered in last season's promotion bid and now aim to make sure.

Pen Pictures

Willie WHIGHAM *(goalkeeper).* Has the agility to match his 6ft. 2½in. Made about 160 appearances for Falkirk before being signed by Borough in October, 1966.

Alan MOODY *(right back).* Local product, born at Middlesbrough. Came into the side last season when he made four League appearances.

Gordon JONES *(left back).* Borough's longest-serving player and a Tees-side idol. Darlington-born, came to the fore from junior grade at Ayresome. Since his League debut in 1960 has played in nearly 300 League games for his club. Twelve times in England Under-23 team.

George SMITH *(right half).* A recent and valuable signing from Portsmouth, has returned to his native North-East. Born at Portsmouth, he established himself in League football with Barrow.

Dickie ROOKS *(centre half).* Another North-Easterner, born Sunderland. Heaviest Borough player at about 13½ stone. With Sunderland when transferred August, 1965, for a big fee. Seldom an absentee.

Frank SPRAGGON *(left half).* Born Marley Hill. Recruited by Borough when a youngster and turned full time professional November, 1962. Had to wait until last season for a regular place.

Michael KEAR *(outside right).* Born at Coleford, Forest of Dean. Started in League football with Newport. Useful capture by Borough from Nottingham Forest in September, 1967.

Alex McMORDIE *(inside right).* Born Belfast, where he began a promising career in city schools' XI. Signed from Dundella 1964. Debut for Middlesbrough the following season. Small but crafty.

Stanley WEBB *(centre forward).* Middlesbrough-born product of the club's junior teams has made a dream start in League football with four goals in his first half dozen appearances.

John HICKTON *(inside left).* Born Birmingham and transferred from Sheffield Wednesday September, 1966. Has figured in several positions, including full back and centre forward. 6ft. and 12½ stone, has fine physique for aggressive role. Easily top scorer last season with 24 goals.

Johnny CROSSAN *(outside left).* Northern Ireland star who helped Sunderland to gain promotion five years ago. His next club was Manchester City. Last season played 32 League games for Borough.

← **MIDDLESBROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB, 1968/69**

Back Row: W. Gates, J. Hickton, A. Smith, J. Crossan, A. Horsfield, R. Lugg.

Centre Row: D. Downing, E. McMordie, W. Horner, W. Whigham, R. Rooks, M. Allen.

Front Row: M. Kear, F. Spraggon, G. Jones, S. Webb, A. McNeill, D. Chadwick.

MIDDLESBROUGH

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Flashback to last year

Below: Jerry Ingram scoring the winning goal against Oxford

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Words of Wisdom from manager R. Seith during a break in game.

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

							Attendances	
1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts	Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	H	1–1	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	A	1–0	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	A	1–3	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	–	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	–	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–4	1–1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	0–0	1–1	1	—	5,223	12,648	17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	1–1	1–1	1	1,894	—	15,976	14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	0–1	1–0	0	969	—	21,224	20,255
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup (3) Nottingham Forest**	H	3–0	–	–	—	—	20,008	—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	1–0	2–1	2	—	1,791	15,252	17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	H	0–0	1–3	–	—	—	31,875	—
,, 29	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea** (aban.)	A	0–2	–	–	—	—	44,239	—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	1–2	1–4	0	—	2,516	13,419	16,935
,, 3	**F.A. Cup (4) Chelsea**	A	1–2	–	–	—	—	36,522	—
,, 22	Oxford United	H	2–1	–	2	—	—	10,305	—
,, 26	Fulham (post., Jan. 11th, Feb. 19th)	A	1–2	–	0	—	—	11,726	—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 3	Millwall (postponed Dec. 28th)	H	–	0–1					11,445
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 17	Sheffield Utd. (postponed Feb. 8th)	H	–	0–3					—
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	–					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 16	Bolton W. (postponed Feb. 15th)	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3 2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0
,, 23	Manchester City	H	2–1
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	2–2
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	3–0
1968			
Dec. 21	Blackpool	H	0–2
1969			
Jan. 4	Huddersfield Town	A	0–2
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–0
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	1–1
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	2–3
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	....
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	....
,, 14	Coventry City	A	....
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	....
,, 29	Manchester United	A	....
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	....
,, 8	Stoke City	A	....
,, 12	Bury	A	....
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	....
—	Blackburn Rovers	A	....
—	Liverpool	A	....
—	Stoke City	H	....
—	Burnley	H	....
—	Manchester City	A	....
—	Sheffield United	H	....
—	Derby County	A	....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II — P29, W9, D10, L10, Goals: F27, A32; Pts. 28

F.A. Cup		G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
4	Alan KELLY	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29
	Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
4	George ROSS	—	24	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
	John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
	Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
4	Alec SPARK	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
1	Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
3	Bill CRANSTON	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
4	Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	5	—	5	—	29
3	Jim McNAB	—	—	7	13	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	23
4	Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
	David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
	David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
2	Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	1	—	21
3	Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	25
3	Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	20	—	24
	George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
1	Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	7
4	Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	8	19
4	Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	15
	Total	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine, 12; Knighton 3; Ingram 4; Lee 3; Spavin, Temple, Gemmill, McNab, Spark, 1 each —Total 27. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

F.A. Cup scorers—Irvine 2 (1 pen.), Temple, Ingram—Total 4.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 26th February)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	29	15	10	4	36	24	40
Cardiff City	31	17	4	10	55	37	38
Middlesbrough	30	16	6	8	46	33	38
Charlton Athletic	30	13	10	7	43	40	36
Millwall	30	14	7	9	48	33	35
Crystal Palace	28	13	7	8	48	37	33
Carlisle United	31	12	8	11	34	36	32
Hull City	31	10	11	10	43	39	31
Sheffield United	28	12	6	10	40	31	30
Blackburn Rovers	27	12	6	9	33	29	30
Blackpool	30	10	10	10	36	28	30
Portsmouth	31	9	12	10	39	35	30
Huddersfield Town	29	11	7	11	37	40	29
Norwich City	28	11	6	11	37	34	28
Preston North End	29	9	10	10	27	32	28
Bolton Wanderers	29	8	11	10	40	37	27
Birmingham City	29	12	3	14	52	50	27
Aston Villa	31	9	9	13	28	40	27
Bristol City	31	7	12	12	29	40	26
Bury	30	7	7	16	37	60	21
Oxford United	30	6	6	18	23	46	18
Fulham	30	5	8	17	29	57	18

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 22nd February)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Liverpool	30	21	5	4	58	15	47
Manchester United	28	17	7	4	52	28	41
West Bromwich A.	29	15	6	8	49	29	36
Newcastle United	27	15	5	7	42	29	35
Nottingham Forest	28	10	11	7	46	39	31
Wolverhampton W.	28	12	7	9	43	39	31
Burnley	30	11	9	10	42	39	31
Manchester City	28	14	1	13	42	38	29
Bury	28	12	5	11	39	42	29
Everton	27	12	4	11	27	32	28
Stoke City	26	10	7	9	29	25	27
Sheffield Wednesday	28	10	7	11	35	33	27
Huddersfield Town	28	12	3	13	44	50	27
Preston North End	26	9	7	10	31	33	25
Aston Villa	27	8	9	10	33	44	25
Sheffield United	27	8	8	11	45	36	24
Leeds United	27	7	9	11	22	35	23
Blackpool	30	7	8	15	50	65	22
Derby County	27	6	10	11	22	32	22
Bolton Wanderers	26	7	4	15	25	45	18
Blackburn Rovers	28	6	5	17	32	52	17
Coventry City	29	5	7	17	21	49	17

Football League
LEADING HOT SHOTS

	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Division I					
Greaves (Spurs)	21	5	4	–	30
Hurst (West Ham) ..	19	4	2	–	25
Royle (Everton	19	3	3	–	25
Law (Manchester U.)	12	–	4	9	25
Curran (Wolves) .... (17 Lge, 5 FLC for Norwich)	19	5	–	-	24
Division II					
Toshack (Cardiff)....	18	–	–	2	20
IRVINE (Preston N.E.)	12	3	2	–	17
Clark (Cardiff)	16	–	–	–	16
Pickering (Birm'ham)	13	–	3	–	16
Wagstaff (Hull).....	14	1	–	–	15

	Lge.	FLC	FAC	Eur. Comps.	Total
Division III					
Rogers (Swindon) ..	15	5	1	–	21
Dawson (Brighton) .. (7 for Bury)	18	–	–	–	18
Andrews (Southport)	14	2	1	–	17
Atkins (Stockport) ..	15	–	2	–	17
Mulvaney (Barrow) ..	14	–	2	–	16
Yeo (Gillingham)	15	–	1	–	16
Division IV					
Best (Southend)	9	1	10	–	20
Hall (Birmingham) ..	13	4	–	–	17
Banks (Exeter)	12	2	2	–	16
Talbot (Chester)	14	1	1	–	16
Ham (Bradford City)	14	2	–	–	16

MIDDLESBROUGH QUIZ

1—What is Borough's now seldom-used nickname?

2—Middlesbrough gained League membership 23 years after starting. How long before the club is a century old?

3—What major honours have eluded Middlesbrough?

4—What unique honour can Borough claim?

5—Do you know the curious story related to this achievement?

6—Which famous Middlesbrough player was known as "The Golden Boy"?

Answers on page 17

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Man at the Helm

STAN ANDERSON

(Middlesbrough's Manager)

STAN ANDERSON was the only player ever to captain all three big North-East clubs Sunderland, Newcastle and Middlesbrough. As a schoolboy he was taken to an interview with Middlesbrough's then manager, David Jack, but was turned down because the club was overloaded with wing-halves.

He tried his luck at Sunderland, signed for them as a junior in 1949 and within three years he was making the first of 402 League appearances for the club. He won his first representative honour when he was called on as substitute for England Under-23 against Scotland in 1954-55; altogether he won four Under-23 caps. Two years later he made a solitary appearance for England 'B' against Scotland and eventually won a full cap against Austria at Wembley in 1957. He was chosen again for the next match in Scotland and was a member of the World Cup party in Chile in 1962.

In November, 1963, Anderson transferred to Newcastle for £35,000 and made a total of 75 League appearances for the St. James's Park side before moving again to Middlesbrough, in November, 1965. He made 22 League appearances for the Borough before he was appointed manager in April, 1966. He took the club to promotion in his first campaign in charge. Now, in only his third season, he has a great chance of leading them into the First Division. Even if he fails, his has been a splendid achievement.

Man in the Middle

HARRY ELLIS (Goole)

HARRY ELLIS became a referee when he was a raw sixteen years of age. "A friend of mine, a Football League referee, persuaded me to have a go and I began to enjoy it a lot," he said.

Mr. Ellis had always wanted to contribute something to football at top level and, as he was no more than an average junior player, refereeing gave him this chance. Gradually he rose to the Yorkshire League, then, twelve years ago, the Football League placed him on the linesmen's list. He is now in his second year as a League referee.

Earlier this season his refereeing was interrupted by a nagging leg injury but this has now cleared.

A qualified youth leader, Mr. Ellis is married with one daughter and lives in Goole where he is employed in the civil service.

Your 45 minute Check

F.A. CUP

A — LEICESTER CITY v. LIVERPOOL
B — MANCHESTER UNITED v. EVERTON
C — MANCHESTER CITY v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
D — CHELSEA v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION

OTHER MATCHES

E — BURNLEY v. NOTTINGHAM FOREST
F — SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. ARSENAL
G — LEEDS UNITED v. SOUTHAMPTON
H — SUNDERLAND v. STOKE CITY
J — WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS v. IPSWICH TOWN
K — ASTON VILLA v. SHEFFIELD UNITED
L — BOLTON WANDERERS v. OXFORD UNITED
M — CARLISLE UNITED v. BURY
N — DERBY COUNTY v. BLACKBURN ROVERS
O — HULL CITY v. BLACKPOOL
P — NORWICH CITY v. BIRMINGHAM
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1—"The Ironsides," which has nothing to do with Borough's rivals of the 1890's, Middlesbrough Ironopolis, a League (Second Division) Club 1893-4, but not re-elected though fifth from the bottom. Middlesbrough got in six years later.

2—Seven years. It was formed by enthusiasts at a tripe supper in 1876.

3—F.A. Cup (best: six times in last eight); League title (highest position, third 1913-14, on goal average); League Cup.

4—Being the only Football League Club to have won the F.A. Amateur Cup. They did so in 1895 and 1898, having reverted to amateur status 1892.

5—On the second occasion, Old Carthusians, the holders, were so confident of success that they did not take the trophy with them. Middlesbrough had to wait a fortnight before receiving it.

6—England international inside left Wilf Mannion.

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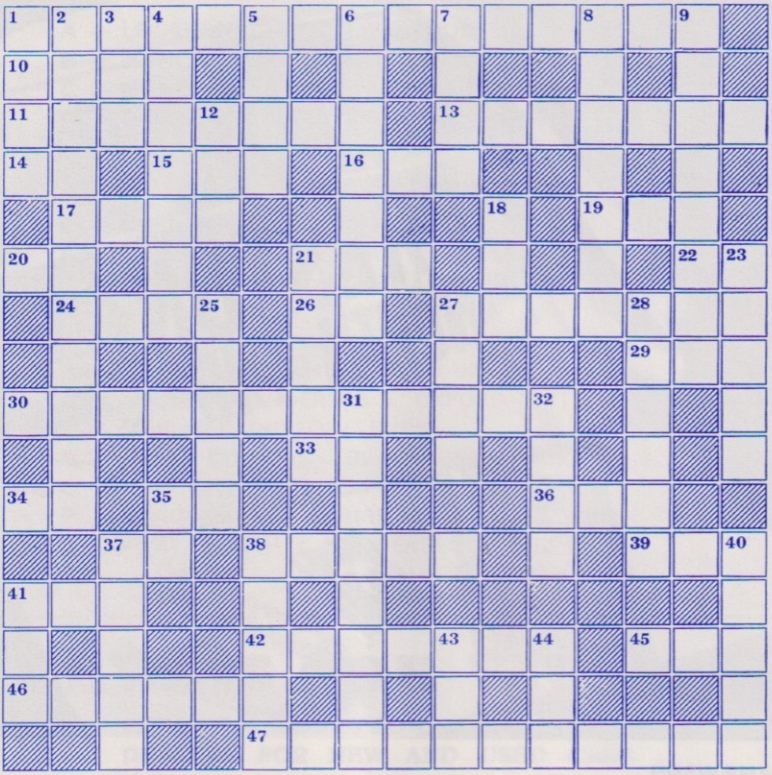

ACROSS:

1. Greatest football team in the world.
10. Goes with marriage—like Willie does with Irvine.
11. Club which Jim Forrest went to from North End.
13. Scored 2 goals for youth team in 3–1 victory over holders, Burnley.
14. "O come all—faithful to Deepdale."
15. Liverpool's saint.
16. Period of time.
17. John Ritchie gives no winger this.
19. Part of verb "to have."
20. North End's 'A' and 'B' teams play—Willow Farm
21. Heppolette plays here for North End.
22. Automobile Association.
24. Garment.
26. Initials of Leeds United's hot shot.
27. Archie.
29. North End's forwards have difficulty finding this.
30. King of Ireland and the Kop.
33. Is Alex Spark English?
34. Initials of a North End winger.
35. Initials of North End reserve centre forward.
36. Thank you.
37. What all teams want to give cup opponents.
38. Long serving North Ender.
39. Nab.
41. Sha la la la —.
42. They play in London N5.
45. Number *Racktip* (anagram) wears.
46. North End's trainer.
47. Midfield dynamo.

DOWN:

2. North End's manager.
3. Adam's companion.
4. Hooligans might cause this kind of trouble.
5. Where the turkey is cooked.
6. North End's memorable score v. Cardiff.
7. Name of Willie Irvine's wife.
8. Stoke City forward.
9. Heaven.
12. John Ritchie's exclamation when he scores an own goal? I think not.
18. Arsenal manager.
21. European country.
23. Change.
25. North End fans do this with their scarves when singing.
27. North End's position last season.
28. Scored North End's goals against Hull.
31. Ray, of the reserves.
32. European Free Trade Association.
35. Initials of Stockport County's goalkeeper.
37. North Ender as safe as houses.
38. Played for Scotland's Youths last season.
40. What King Willie wears.
41. Manchester United and Scotland forward.
43. Religious woman.
44. Timber when felled.

Crossword solution next home match.

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7 TEMPLE	7 KEAR
8 SPAVIN	8 HICKTON
9 INGRAM	9 WEBB
10 KNIGHTON	10 McMORDIE
11 LEE	11 CROSS
Substitute: TO BE ANNOUNCED	*Substitute:* TO BE ANNOUNCED

Referee

H. W. ELLIS
(Goole)

LAST FOOTBALL POST

Linesmen

Red Flag
J. D. Williams

Yellow Flag
G. Davies

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Monday, 3rd March, 1969 — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

PRESTON NORTH END v. MILLWALL

Saturday, 8th March, 1969 — Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

NORTH END RESERVE v. NOTTINGHAM FOREST RESERVE

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